SENATE BILL 1435

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6, relative to licensure of contractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-111, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (m):

(m) The board shall deny any application for licensure as a contractor if the board determines that the name under which the applicant will be trading is identical with the name being used by an existing licensee, or is so nearly similar to the name being used by an existing licensee that it is likely to cause confusion on the part of the public at large. This subsection (m) shall not apply to any applicant who has acquired an exclusive right to use the name as a registered trademark pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1051. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.